

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 15, line 5 and ending at page 15, line 16 to read, as follows.

--Note that, as shown in Fig. 4, in the final image formed on the transferring material, such an image streak appears on the toner images arranged in the image pattern, at a position of about 50 mm below a top of each toner image in the sub-scanning direction (on the downstream side thereof), which corresponds to a distance between the laser exposure part A and the primary transferring part B. In particular, the image streak conspicuously appears in the case where a halftone ~~half tone~~ toner image portion easily affected by the laser exposure unevenness is at the above position.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 16, line 27 and ending at page 17, line 15 to read, as follows.

--Note that if the additional toner image based on the additional information is formed at the primary transferring nip part B, the additional toner image is finally transferred onto the transferring material P as well. As a result, depending on an image condition of the additional toner image, the final image is damaged by the additional toner image and the image quality thereof is considerably degraded. To cope therewith, in the image forming apparatus of this embodiment, using dot toner image forming means as described below, minute dot toner images (dot images formed of the toner) invisible to ~~to~~ [[with]] the user's eyes are formed on the photosensitive drum 1 surface, with a size of 1 pixel ($42\ \mu\text{m} \times 42\ \mu\text{m}$) or approximately several pixels that are adjacent to each other.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 21, line 27 and ending at page 22, line 17 to read, as follows.

--The data for the dot toner image is controlled such that the dot toner image is within at least the primary transferring nip part B while the electrostatic latent image for the toner image of the first color is formed by the laser beam exposure. That is, the leading end of the dot toner image comes before the leading end of the toner image of the first color (on the downstream side in the moving direction of the photosensitive drum). A trailing end of the dot toner image may pass through the primary transferring nip part after the completion of the exposure for the formation of the electrostatic latent image for the toner image of the first color. However, as in this embodiment, it is preferable that the trailing end of the dot toner image comes [[come]] after that of the toner image of the first color (on the upstream side in the moving direction of the photosensitive drum).--